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SUNDAY
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Art Hartman came out to the house this morning with various cables bearing upon the Richards Amendment. The Arthur Sachs, Marian Hall, the Lowell Weickers (she his pretty new wife), the Graham Martins, Audrey and ourselves had lunch together. Afterwards, Graham and I went over various -- questions posed by the Richards Amendment, and I talked to Tommy at the American Hospital (where he is recovering from pneumonia and reading Anatole France) on the subject.

Stevie has flue so E. must remain here and not go to Strasbourg. Audrey, Stan Cleveland and I took off on the 6:50 train, arrived at Strasbourg after midnight, and went to the Nouvel Hotel after having a snack of omelet and beer at a nearby chop-house.

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MONDAY
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Stan, Audrey and I went to the Maison de l'Europe this morning to hear Monnet deliver the first report ever made by a supranational executive to a supranational parliamentary body. It was a fine speech, terminating with a confident statement on the transcendent importance of "making Europe". -- Jean is a truly remarkable man and only he could adequately carry out at this time the functions of President of the High Authority.

I went to see him afterwards. We discussed the tactics of handling with the Assembly the letter President Eisenhower has addressed to the Chairmen of the Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs Committees (concerning loans by the U. S. Government or its agencies to the Coal and Steel Community) and the replies by those Committees to his letter. The President will also probably say something to the press on this subject at the time the letters are released on Wednesday of this week. This event should create quite a sensation, especially since it will make clear that the Community wishes not a grant but a loan it should be able to repay.

I telephoned from the Consulate to Ben Moore about all this and then took Audrey to lunch in "The Little France" section of Strasbourg at La Maison des Tanneurs, attractively situated on a small river or canal. We were pleased with the provender.

Back to the Maison de l'Europe in the afternoon, also to the Consulate.

Audrey and I had an early dinner at the Restaurant Valentin.

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